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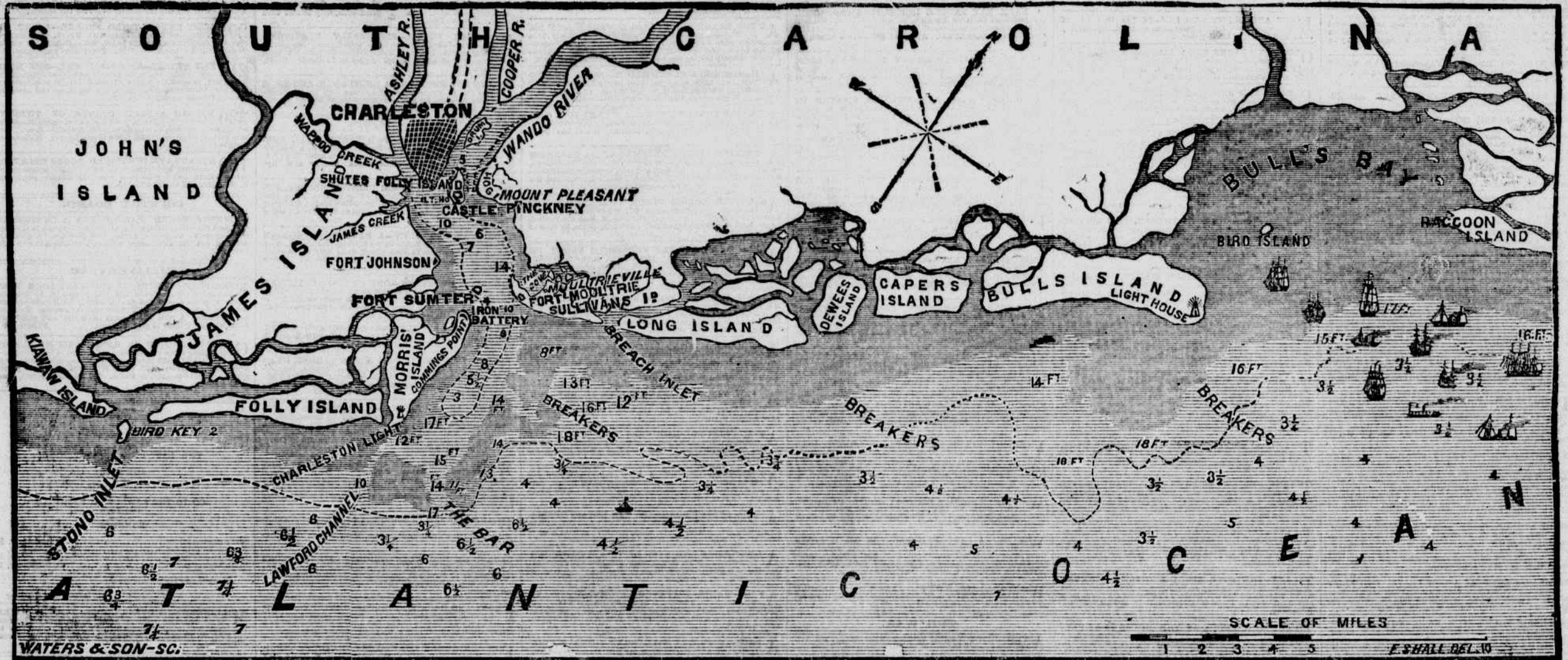
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NEW YORK, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1861.—TRIPLE SHEET.

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## THE GREAT NAVAL AND MILITARY EXPEDITION.

Map of Bull's Bay, Bull's Island, Charleston, and Stono Inlet—One of the Points of Occupation by the Union Forces.



### OUR GREAT ARMADA.

#### NEWS OF ITS SAFETY.

Its Probable Arrival at Bull's Bay, Near Charleston, S. C.

The Fleet Seen by the Monticello and the Bark Honduras Last Saturday.

#### THE EFFECT OF THE GALE.

The Belvidere and Florida Put Back Disabled.

#### TOPOGRAPHY OF BULL'S BAY.

Map of the Coast from Georgetown, S. C., to Savannah, Ga.

The Fortifications at Charleston.

#### THE PORT ROYAL ENTRANCE.

Strength of the Military and Naval Forces.

#### OPENING OF THE COAST CAMPAIGN.

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#### NEWS BY WAY OF FORTRESS MONROE.

The following despatch, which we received yesterday morning, allays all apprehensions as to the safety of the great expedition, and probably indicates the locality of its first descent on the Southern coast:—

FORTRESS MONROE, Nov. 4, 1861.

The steamer Belvidere, one of the expedition, laden with horses and stores, returned to Old Point on Monday noon, and reported that she was separated from the fleet in the storm of Friday, and a portion of her upper works stove, in fact, so roughly handled as to be compelled to return. Twelve of the horses were killed. Knew nothing as to the balance of the fleet.

At about three o'clock this afternoon the steamer Monticello, from the blockading fleet of Savannah, arrived and reported that she passed the whole fleet moving along finely on Saturday night within thirty miles of Bull's Bay. The storm had nearly abated, and her officers have no doubt they entered Bull's Bay early on Sunday morning and landed within twenty-five miles of Charleston. This coast was but slightly fortified.

The fleet, which had begun to be mentioned in the public mind as to the effect which the late violent gale might have had upon the fleet, are the happily dispersed. It has ridden safely through the storm, and has, before this time, let us hope, given the national flag once more to the breeze that blows off the South Carolina coast.

Map of the Coast from Georgetown, S. C., to Savannah, Georgia, Showing Bull's Bay, Charleston, St. Helena Sound and Port Royal Entrance.



A Norfolk paper of Monday says the destination of the fleet is known to be Port Royal entrance, which is sixty miles south of Bull's Bay.

Passengers by the flag of truce say that no information had been received at Norfolk relative to the fleet, at ten o'clock on Monday morning.

NEWS BY THE WAY OF PHILADELPHIA.  
Besides the steamboat Belvidere, returned disabled to Hampton Roads, appears by the above despatch, we find by the following from Philadelphia, that the steam gunboat Florida has also returned to that port:—  
PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 5, 1861.

The steam gunboat Florida, one of the naval expedition, has returned to the Navy Yard disabled. She left the expedition on Friday night, off Cape Fear. She reports that the fleet encountered a heavy gale soon after leaving Hampton, but it died out on Wednesday, and again revived on Thursday from the southwest. On Thursday night the machinery of the Florida was disabled, but not seriously, and can be repaired in three days, when she will resume her voyage. She had no troops on board.

NEWS AT THIS PORT.  
Captain Marshall, of the bark Honduras, from Belize Honduras, arrived at this port yesterday morning, reports that on the 24 inst., at daylight, between Cape Fear, N. C., and Charleston, S. C., passed a large fleet of naval vessels.

A passenger on board the same vessel has sent us the following communication on the same subject:—

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK HERALD.

BARK HONDURAS,  
OFF HIGHLANDS, TUESDAY MORNING, Nov. 5, 1861.  
Since receiving a pilot I learn that an expedition left Hampton Roads some days since, destination unknown. Will the following facts throw any light upon the subject?—Last Friday night we had a severe gale of wind from the southeast. On Saturday morning, at four A. M., we were signalled by a gunboat, which ran across our stern. At daylight we found ourselves surrounded with gunboats, steamers and frigates. A new gunboat hailed us, but in return would not give her name. We saw some fifteen vessels nearly all hove to. They appeared to be about abreast of Savannah or Charleston. A few stragglers we met some hours later.

Yours, respectfully,  
D. B. PARSON.

Had not the arrival of the Belvidere off Fortress Monroe been followed so quickly by that of the Monticello with its gratifying tidings and by the news brought to this port by the Honduras, the anxiety in the public mind as to the safety of the expedition would have been intensified to a very painful degree. As it is, however, all such fears are now dissipated, and the feeling of relief thus produced will be to an extent corresponding with the late depression.

We presume that the judgment of Lieutenant Braine and his officers as to the fleet entering Bull's Bay will be found to be correct. Lieutenant Braine is an officer of great merit, and his name is already familiar to the public in connection with a late brilliant achievement of his in Chicamaucum creek. We take it for granted that the first stopping place of the expedition will gain for this bay a notoriety which has hitherto been denied to it.

#### THE NAVAL FORCE.

The expedition sailed from Hampton Roads on the morning of Tuesday, the 29th ult., so that it was exactly a week absent when we received the fact yesterday of its safety. The naval part of it was composed as follows:—

FLAG OFFICER IN COMMAND,  
SAMUEL F. DUPONT, of Delaware.  
FLAG CAPTAIN,  
CHARLES H. DAVIS, of Massachusetts.  
FLAG LIEUTENANT,  
SAMUEL W. PRESTON, of Illinois.

#### ADDITIONAL PARTICULARS.

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